(*b*) whether there is any proposal to head up the Pugalur channel to Jeddarpalayam Bed Regulator;

(*c*) whether any investigation was made regarding the heading up of the channel and the results thereof; and

(*d*) the annual saving from such heading up?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Rupees 12,668 for the Pugalur channel and Rs. 4,667 for the Vangal channel.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) The investigation of the proposal has been completed and the plans and estimates are awaited from the Chief Engineer (Irrigation).

" (*d*) Rupees 12,668."

*Location of the temporary capital of the Andhra State.*

* 1220 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri Pragada Kotaiah, who gave notice of the question, is not in his place. The question together with the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government of India have communicated to this Government, their considered views on the decision of the Andhra Legislators to locate the temporary capital of Andhra in Kurnool?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir."

*Amendment of the Rent Reduction Act*

* 1221 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri G. Latchanna, who gave notice of the question, is not in his place. The question together with the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI G. LATCHANNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state when the Government propose to bring in legislation to amend the Rent Reduction Act so as to equalize the rents in settled and unsettled villages to the rates prevailing in the nearest Government jirayati villages?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There is no such proposal under consideration."

***Bridges over certain ferries in South Kanara district.***

* 1222 *Q.*—SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government for putting up bridges across Udayavar, Kalyanpur and Mabukal ferries in South Kanara district?

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The answer is in the negative."

*Scholarships to Backward Class students.*

* 1223 Q.—SRI N. RAJAGOPAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) how many applications from Harijan and Backward Community students for scholarships were received during the financial year 1952–53 ; and

(b) how many of them were rejected solely on the ground of want of funds?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Forty-five thousand six hundred and twenty-four.

" (b) Twenty-five thousand one hundred and three."

*Promotions and punishments in the Co-operative department.*

* 1224 Q.—DR. G. CHITRAMBALAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) how many Senior Inspectors and Sub-Registrars of Co-operation were promoted during the period of the present Registrar of Co-operative Societies and out of this how many were Catholics ;

(b) what is the number of Inspectors, Sub-Registrars and Deputy Registrars against whom complaints and reports were received by the department, and how many of them were Catholics ;

(c) what is the number of Catholic officers against whom action was taken and if so, what was the nature of action ;

(d) what is the number of Catholic Inspectors, Sub-Registrars and Deputy Registrars who have not been transferred from their stations for more than three years on date ; and

(e) why the present Registrar is allowed to continue for more than five years in this department?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (a) Two hundred and thirty-eight Senior Inspectors and 58 Co-operative Sub-Registrars were promoted after the present Registrar assumed charge. Of them, 17 Senior Inspectors and 6 Co-operative Sub-Registrars were Christians. Separate figures for Catholics are not available.

" (b) to (d) No statistics are maintained, Sir. They will have to be gathered from the districts which will involve much time and work.

" (e) The present Registrar belongs to the Co-operative Department and he was appointed to the I.A.S. only on 29th January 1952. Hence only from this date, and not earlier, as a member